IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Inmate serving 15 years at Rankin County prison dies

JACKSON, MISS. – An inmate serving 15 years at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County has died at a Jackson hospital.

Mary Jewell, 40, died Sunday night at Merit Health Central in Jackson after becoming ill several months ago. She had been hospitalized intermittently since December. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death. While hospitalized, Jewell was recently tested for COVID-19, and the results were negative.

Jewell, MDOC #159107, had been in prison since June 2010 for attempted armed robbery and two counts of possession of a weapon by a felon in Lee County. She was sentenced May 20, 2010.